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Speaking about being busy, I've really been busting my hump around here. We moved into the Punchbowl 2 days ago, and acquired a pig pen, so work is the password. I took over Chief Computer for the battery yesterday and of course am swamped with work. Must get a whole new set of charts worked up, plus minimums elevation works, plus phones in, right and sundry other items.

Hard to say what rumors are true and which are not, but if your brother is pressing 19, he'll probably be my replacement. Last I heard, Hershey is not going to increase the total service time, but with so few

Individuals around he'll have to do something brilliant to fill the quota.

Understand they'll start working on fathers next, and while I feel sorry for them, I'm not fussy about who replaces me as long as I leave on time.

Pleased a Punch to get the picture and enclosed find one as a receipt. I don't know who squealed, but I have an aversion for dark haired maidens, which, in the vernacular, means I'm a sucker for brunettes.

Finding time and words running short,
I remain, as usual, right here.

Love

Frank

TRANSCRIPT

[No envelope]

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¹ Punchbowl: the UN nickname for the Hae-an Basin in modern South Korea.

² This word is hard to make out, and is the best approximation of what it reads.